MOO.- HOLT SCHOENER

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Dear Dick,

Many thanks for your letter, of 1/6 and valuable enclosures. I will forward them today with comments. For example, it was Liebeler who deposed Altgens. Possibly another had been intended and Liebeler took over. his is what happened with Odio. I have already recommended him as a witness (both, in fact).

The Ruby book thing is for real, only very old and probably valueless. I have spoken to the reporter who did the original story. I have suggested that we might add value to the material when we examine it and would do so in return permission to use, if necessary, in trial (which is extremely remote). I have heard nothing further and will initiate nothing further now. It also included many of his check stubs and other records, even a stat of his discharge. Several boxes of old records.

I am glad to get the NYT clip on the book "Farewell America". I do not share your view of it and its backers, tried to warn him away from it at the very outset, regard it as part of a major play against us, including a very significant penetration of the office, and encourage you to put on paper and give me as fast as you can anything and everything you have, know or suspect. Consider that possibility that it may be used as a move for a mistrial and you will see the potential. Please regard this as a matter of the utmost urgency. If I am wrong, and you have no idea how confident I am that I am not, nothing will be lost, no one hurt. But IF I am right, and I know what I cannot communicate that is so persuasive I am not, any scrap of information, no matter how vague, can be so important, particularly in an emergency, courtroom situation, I do regard the whole thing as intelligence, but not French intelligence. I think it is CIA. I have from the first. No one would listen. Now it may be too late. There are a few scraps in the "Times" piece. If you have time, please call Peter Kihss, ask him if he wrote the piece and whether he did or not communicate the above to him and ask him if he has or can get any more data for me. Caution him against any expression of my belief to anyone but Salisbury. If Salisbury is in any way interested, I will, at the right time, tell him what I know.

Again, thanks.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg